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In re Application of :
Michel Franz :
Serial No.: 10/789,174 : PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
Filed: February 26, 2004 :
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This is in response to applicant's petition filed May 27, 2005, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII. (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E). The \$130.00 petition fee as required by 37 CFR 1.17(h) was received. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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